

March 13, 2022



Second Sunday

of

Lent

The Lord God said to Abram,
“Look up at the sky and
count the stars, if you can.
Just so shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:5

St. Joseph Church

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Weekday Masses: 7:00 am (Monday-Friday)

Weekday Holy Days: Call for schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Registration: We are happy to welcome new members to our community. Please contact Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107

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God's Call to Us

(The St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community chosen and called by God to be sent and directed by the Holy Spirit.

It exists to provide the People of God the pastoral care and spiritual nourishment they need to proclaim the good news of Christ in their lives and to the world.

Our Response to God's Call

(The St. Joseph Parish Vision Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community of God's People empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote God's reign in the world.

Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we will grow together in faith, hope, and in a passionate love of God and neighbor.

In our families, we will teach and learn the love of Jesus Christ.

In our various occupations we will make decisions and set priorities in accordance with the values of the Gospel.

And in the world around us we will stand always for justice, compassion and peace.

Sacraments

Baptisms:

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal formation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled at this meeting. Please call the Parish Center for reservations and further information.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Sick or Homebound: If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or homebound and would like a priest to visit, please notify the Parish Center.

Parish Boundaries: North: Tollway; South: 59th St. East: Prospect Avenue and extensions north and south; West: Belmont Avenue

To Register Your Child at St. Joseph School

Email register@sjsdg.org and you will receive instructions how to register a new student or returning student online. Registrations accepted anytime throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office.

from the Pastor



Encouragement Beyond Our Imagining... And Not a Minute Too Soon

"Master, it is good that we are here!" (MT 17:4). These are the first words Peter speaks in response to the glory of the Lord revealed ever so briefly on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John are chosen by Jesus to follow him up this high mountain, away from the others. Six days earlier the Apostles were shocked and saddened by Jesus' announcement at Caesarea Philippi that he was going to Jerusalem to suffer and die at the hands of the chief priests, the elders and the Scribes. Further, they did not know what the Lord meant when he spoke of rising from the dead. With such perplexing news still very much on their minds, Peter, James and John are about to receive encouragement beyond their imagining. In the Transfiguration of Jesus, prominently between Moses and Elijah, is a glimpse of God's glory, a sneak preview of heaven that brought the Apostles into a state of immense happiness. This mountaintop experience of the Lord Jesus, "the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased" (cf. LK 9:36), would remain in their hearts the rest of their days. There were dark days on the horizon. The Apostles would witness the betraying kiss of Judas and Peter would deny ever knowing Jesus. Jesus was falsely arrested, tried and condemned. Exactly as he foretold at Caesarea Philippi.

Pope Leo the Great says that: "The principal aim of the Transfiguration was to banish from the disciples' souls the scandal of the Cross. St. Bede, commenting on today's passage of the Gospel, says that Our Lord, in a loving concession, allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy for a very short time the contemplation of the happiness that lasts forever, so as to enable them to bear adversity with greater fortitude" (From: In Conversation with God, Vol. II, pp 67-69).

We, too, can draw strength even from simply taking in these events as described in the Gospel. But the inspired Word of God also yields further insights for those who read it with and in the Church. That is, as we pray for an increase of faith and the help of the Holy Spirit while meditating on sacred scripture we can have our own visit to the mountain top. Like Peter, we'll want to stay longer, too. These are days when we seek encouragement and strength for what lies ahead. No matter what happens, our God reigns. For now, the glory and everlasting joy of heaven are hidden from us. So too, the divine nature of Jesus was ordinarily hidden, veiled in human flesh, the Transfiguration being the one exception. Things may get worse before they get better. Lent is about adopting the practices which require a self-discipline for our own good. It is God who has first authority over us in the matter of the necessity of discipline from him, and secondarily from one's parents while we are young and in their care. The Letter to the Hebrews explains:

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. Quoting from Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews continues: "My son do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:4-7, 14). May the hope inspired by Jesus' transfiguration lead us to the joy of Easter as we embrace the disciplines of Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Albert

Lent 2022

St. Joseph Church, Downers Grove

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2

Masses: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes: 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays – March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

7:00 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Mass, Saturday, March 19, 8:00 a.m.

See the bulletin and website for details regarding the Saint Joseph's Table.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Confessions, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual Confessions (Polish and English) Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation Service, Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Wednesdays (via Zoom) March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Valle at bvalle@sjpdg.org for Zoom link

RESTORE

Books available for purchase in the Narthex for \$10

Sign up for small group discussion by March 1st

Saturday March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (via Zoom)

Sunday March 13, 20, 27, April 3 from 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Church Hall 1)

See the bulletin or our website at stjosephdg.org/restore



Sunday 5:00 PM Mass & Saturday 8:00 AM Mass have returned

On the 1st Saturday of every month please join us for Rosary after the 8:00 am Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary
Followed by coffee and treats in the narthex
www.stjosephdg.org/first

Third Sunday Food Collection



**Next weekend there will
Be a food collection for our
St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry.**

Items Needed: Tomato Sauce, Cans of Beef Stew, Bags of Red Beans, Juices; Apple, Orange, Tomato, etc., Gatorade/Sports Drinks, Laundry Detergent. Thank you for your continued generosity!



marriage encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that **IN-PERSON** experiences will be held locally in Chicagoland on the following weekends: April 9-10 and August 12-14. Early registration is suggested due to limited space. For more information or to apply, go to <https://wwme-chicagoland.org> or call **630-577-0778**



Mass Schedule & Intentions

9:00 am Sunday Mass is **LIVE-STREAMED**. Visit www.stjosephdg.org and click on Livestream.

SUNDAY, March 13

- 7:00 AM Jack Rheintgen
9:00 AM Helen McAlpine
Ewa Niemiec
11:00 AM Mother's Spiritual Bouquet
Correll Family
5:00 PM Joan Wainwright

MONDAY, March 14

- 7:00 AM John Roggi

TUESDAY, March 15

- 7:00 AM John Hickey & Tom Correll

WEDNESDAY, March 16

- 7:00 AM Jim & Jack Himpler

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

THURSDAY, March 17

- 7:00 AM Richard Guzior (L)

FRIDAY, March 18

- 7:00 AM Jack Rheintgen

SATURDAY, March 19

- 8:00 AM Louis Kammerer
5:00 PM Tom & Lois Flavin

SUNDAY, March 20

- 7:00 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Luciano Rainer
Ivanka Spanovic
11:00 AM Father's Spiritual Bouquet
5:00 PM Intention of the Presider

St. Vincent de Paul 2022 Food Pantry Plus Sunday Collections for Lent

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 13 – Pancake Plus: Cold and Hot Cereal, Pancake Mix, Maple Syrup, Cookies, Oil, Sugar, Flour, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 20 - Fill the Pantry Plus: Catsup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, Salad Dressings, Coffee Creamer, Evaporated Milk, Juice Boxes, Microwave Popcorn

4th Sunday of Lent, March 27 - Pasta Plus: Elbow Macaroni, Egg Noodles, Pastas, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, Diced and Whole Tomatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Spaghetti, Ravioli's, Chili, Hamburger and Tuna Helper

5th Sunday of Lent, April 3 - Paper Plus: Napkins, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Detergent, Shampoo, Deodorant, Tooth Paste

Palm Sunday, April 10 - Baking Plus: Soda Crackers, Snack Crackers, Cookies, Cake Mix, Frosting, Cooking Oil, Honey, Kool-Aid, Drink Mix, Chocolate Chips for Baking and Candy



Year End Contribution Statement

Please contact the Parish Center (630)964-0216 if you would like a copy of your 2021 Contribution Statement

Restore, Replace and Renovate Fund

	Goal	Donations
Renovation of the rectory kitchen and lower level Permit received from the Village of Downers Grove. Work to begin this month	\$80,000	\$50,205
Replacement of our church track lighting Work completed	\$25,000	\$25,000
Restoration of St. Joseph and Mary statues	\$10,000	\$10,000

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For more information, please contact Beth Harbauer at
630-964-0216 x1101 or bharbauer@ejndg.org

A Call to Stewardship

You have not forgotten
“to do good and to share, for with such
sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16

Weekly Sunday Goal	\$23,965
Sunday March 6 Gifts	\$37,798
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$862,740
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$943,531</u>
Total Over Goal to Date	\$80,791



Shannon Wimp Schmidt,
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BOOK LAUNCH

MARCH 25

7 PM - Church Hall
Wine & Cheese Reception

Praying From Sunday to Sunday

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 [3:20 – 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5:15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Patrick

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel of Lk 9:28b-36 Sunday, March 13

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah,

who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake,

they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking,

a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time

tell anyone what they had seen.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

EVERY Saturday • 3:30 – 4:30 pm

St. Joseph Church

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Romans 4:7-8

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph Church
Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Rosary 7:30 pm † Benediction 8:20 pm

Stop in the church for a few minutes of Adoration or however much time you wish to spend with Our Lord. He is waiting for you!

Sick List

Mark Dahl, Fran Rheintgen, Kelly Obbish Brummet, Ed Skibinski and Liam Boor



St. Joseph Parish Community would like to recognize and remember in prayer,
ALL ACTIVE DUTY military personnel serving our country here and throughout the world.

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Date: Friday March 18, 2022

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Location: School Hall

Admission: 21 years+

Cost in Advance: \$20/person (includes 1 bracket entry)

Cost at the Door: \$20/person

Event Details:

Come kick off March Madness on Friday March 18th. Enjoy watching the games in the school hall with fellow SJS friends!

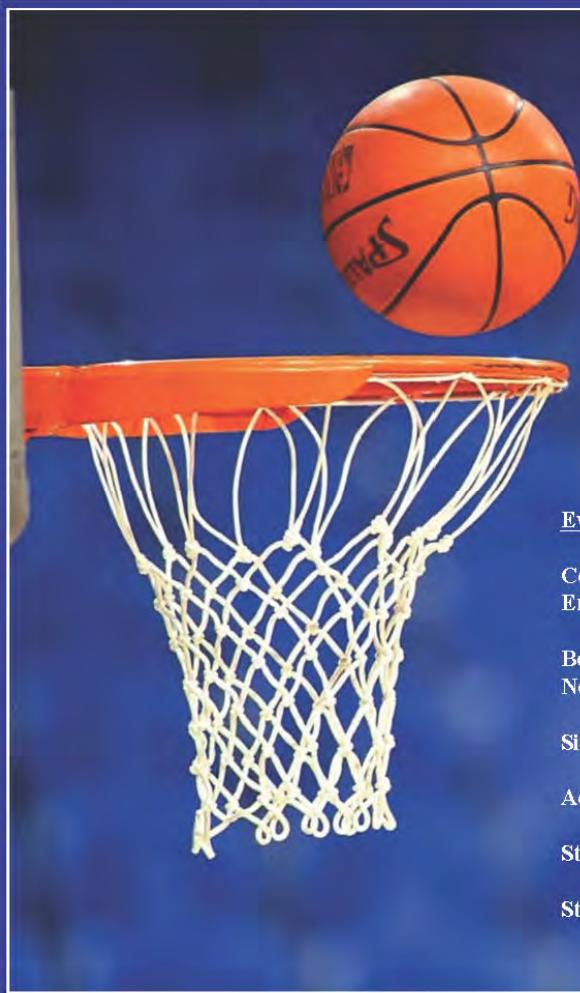
Beer, wine, seltzers available for purchase: \$5 per drink
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Silent Auction Items: TBD

Adult Bracket Winner: TBD (working on Bulls tix)

Students will also be able to enter the bracket challenge!

Student Bracket Winner: 4 Tickets to Blackhawks game; time/date TBD



Celebrate Our Patron Saturday, March 19

8:00 am – St. Joseph Feast Day Mass

8:45 am to 10:00 am

St. Joseph Altar & Sweets Table

Open for all to enjoy

Join us for this special “breakfast” Sweets Table honoring St. Joseph. All are welcome ~ young and old, families, singles... and bring a friend! Come and celebrate a St. Joseph feast day Mass at 8:00am and then stop at the St. Joseph Table in the narthex of church for a sweet treat or bread and a cup of coffee.

In keeping with St. Joseph Table tradition you are invited to contribute home made bread, cakes or a sweet and/or make a donation for the poor. Bring your treat to share when you arrive for Mass and place it on the table.

You are welcome to partake of the sweets table whether you add a treat to the table or not! You are welcome to stop in church between 8:45 and 10:00 am and enjoy a treat from our St. Joseph Table even if you are unable to make it to the Mass.

St. Joseph, the earthly father of Christ and husband of Mary, keeps under his beneficent watch fathers and families, workers and craftsmen, immigrants and travelers. The humble carpenter of Nazareth aids and protects expectant mothers and doubting souls. He is the champion of social justice, and the guardian of happy death. He holds the exalted position of patron of the universal church.

**Come on your own, with a friend, or bring the whole family!
We look forward to celebrating with you.**

History of St. Joseph Altar and Table

Sicily the largest and most populous of the Mediterranean Islands, because of its location in the north central Mediterranean Sea, has often been used as a “stepping stone” to and from the European continent. In the ninth century, agriculture and commerce flourished by cultivating mountainous land. Grapes, olives, wheat, and citrus were the main crops and chief exports.

For too long there had been no rain to nourish the crops that sustained life for the Island. The dried out crops cracked beneath the feet of the poor farmers as they walked through their barren fields. Only a sea of dust and withered vines remained from what had once been row upon row of brightly colored fruits, vegetables, and wheat.

And so the people prayed to their patron, St. Joseph, for relief from the terrible famine that gripped the Island. At last the skies opened, sending down the life-giving water, and the people rejoiced. For their gratitude, they prepared tables of an assortment of foods they had harvested. After paying honor to St. Joseph, they celebrated together and also distributed food to the less fortunate.

Whether a St. Joseph Altar is displayed at an elegant church or a humble table, it is a reflection of deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron of those in need ~ workers, the poor, the aged, the dying.





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